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1. The COMISCO Bureau announced to the Greek Government that ELD was the only Socialist Party in Greece recognized by it. It requested the Government to grant to its Party representatives any facilities required in order to enable them to be present at the COMISCO conference which is to be held in Holland in May 1949.
2. The members of ASO (Independent Socialist Group) do not, in principle, refuse to come to an agreement with ELD for the purpose of forming a broader Socialist Party. Such a possibility, however, presupposes a change in the ELD Central Committee, bringing about replacement of some of its members by members of ASO.
3. Should such an agreement be unattainable, ASO and other independent Socialists such as Economou and Passalides could undoubtedly form their own party, regardless of what name would be given to it; their party would closely collaborate with the other progressive parties, which would enable them, in future elections, to possess an "electoral base". This, they recognize, they do not have today, although they observe that this weakness results from lack of leaders. It is noted that ASO members, referring to progressives with whom they are to initiate close collaboration, mean Tsouderos' party and the entourage of General Plastiras, with both of whom they are now in close contact.

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